

FACT SHEET VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC - COLUMBUS (VAOPC)

FACILITY STATISTICS

- Served over 26,000 Veterans in Fiscal Year 03.
- Current facility built to handle 135,000 visits per year. Fiscal Year 2003 VAOPC had 209,119 annual visits and projects approximately 220,000 visits for fiscal year 2004.
- VAOPC projects providing treatment an estimated 28,000 different Veterans in Fiscal Year 04
- Approximately 100,000 Veterans reside in Franklin County.
- Currently treat approximately an average of 900 Veterans daily.
- VAOPC consists of 350 employees made up of doctors, nurses, administrative and support staff.
- VAOPC serves Veterans from 26 counties of Central Ohio and is a Clinic of Jurisdiction for 56 counties in Ohio (1) in Indiana. The VAOPC has Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) located in Grove City, and Zanesville, Ohio, serving Veterans in Franklin, Muskingum, Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan and Perry counties. The VAOPC is the parent facility for the Veterans Readjustment Counseling Center (Vet Center) located in downtown Columbus.



Chalmers P. Wylie VAOPC-Columbus 2007

- *VAOPC is an ambulatory care facility. Services offered include: primary care, mental health, audiology, optometry (including outpatient cataract surgery), dental, prosthetics and limited services in cardiology, gastroenterology, renal, neurology, dermatology, mental health services, and geriatrics & extended care.*

New Facility

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<http://www1.va.gov/columbus/>**

- Projected completion of new facility July 2007.
- 20 acres, 295,000 square foot.
- Land acquired through DSCC as part of a land transfer agreement.
- The VAOPC proposed site was formerly used for DSCC's family housing for military personnel.

Columbus is part of the Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARE)

<http://www1.va.gov/cares/>

Secretary Anthony J. Principi issued his decision on the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission report on May 7, 2004. The decision details the realignment and allocation of resources necessary for VA to meet the demand for health care services over the next 20 years.

Key Improvements

- Improves continuity of care for central Ohio Veterans.
- Eliminates/reduces need for Veteran travel to other VA's for specialty care. Care can be safely provided in an outpatient setting close to home.
- Additional capacity to address CARES gap for specialty care.
- Additional capacity to address CARES gap for primary care.
- No need for further renovations at existing clinic.
- Veterans served at the Chillicothe VAMC will benefit from the new specialty services planned at the VAOPC -Columbus.

Key Workload Issues

- Columbus, Ohio is the 15th largest city in the United States and has no inpatient beds.
- Existing Chalmers P. Wylie VA Outpatient Clinic opened in 1995 - designed to accommodate 135,000 annual patient visits (greater than 208,000 visits were accomplished during FY 2003).